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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. Five

Part B for Oct 19.

SUBJECT.

Food Supply arrangements

(105) From, The Food Controller in Mysore
No 6082 & 29.9.19
States that necessary precautions have already been taken to prevent Seconda profiteering and the same have been communicated to Govt and requests to be informed what further steps are to be taken in the matter.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

P.P.)

NOTES.

FILE HEADING.

Food Supply arrangements

From

Messrs Bhawna Rama Chandra & Co. General Merchants

No. Petition Dated 6.9.19. Received 10.9.19

Diary No. 9944	Enclos.	Spare Copies.	Serial No. 68.

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

State that they have imported more than 1 lac bags of rice into Myore State and they could sell whole of their stock within the prescribed period and be entitling a great loss. Request that the rate of [illegible] rice may be increased [illegible]

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Dewan's orders

1) This may be forwarded to the F for favour of opinion. Sd/ [illegible]

2) Draft Sd/ 8.11.9.19

3) Noted 11-9-19

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General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Serial No. 69

To

The Food Controller
Nilgiris
No. G. 6277 of 11.9.19

Forwards for favour of orders
the petition copy below

From the Food Controller
No. 5574 of 17/19. 9. 19

Submits his remarks on the prayer referred to in the petn & states that in anticipation of approval he has directed the contractors to sell the rice at Rs 13-2-6 wholesale per bag of 164 lbs. 24 seers per rupee retail -

4) Submitted
Further action may be approved.
Yes
20/9/19
Chief Secy

20-9-19.

5) May be approved -

6) But I think will be necessary to prevent secondary profiteering by people who buy large quantities from the F.C. & resell at 25 & 28 B per para -

7) Dewan
Agree -
12/9/19

8) This connection must be made clear in the A.C.

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Recd. on SEP 23 1919
Reg. No. 2058

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and Revenue retariat. | P. P File No. 6 of 1919.

Serial No.
9 Draft sent Mr 10 Secretary 27/9/19 N.G.B
95 To The Food Controller in Kyp no C.E. 66 & 27.9.19. States that Govt approve of the action taken by them in the matter but needs any precautions should be taken by him to prevent secondary profiteering by people by buying quantities from the wholesalers and resell it at still higher
105 From the Food Controller no. 6082 & 29.9.19 with refce to the above states that necessary precautions have already been taken to prevent secondary profiteering & the same have been communicated to Govt & requests to be informed what further steps are to be taken in the matter. Il. Read with refce to Mr 2/10/19 paras 6 & 8 supra no further action appears necessary Chiefly 2-10-19.

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S POLITICAL BRANCH. 18 OCT. 1919

APPANA RAMACHANDRA RAO & Co.,
GENERAL MERCHANTS & COMMISSION AGENTS.

TELEGRAMS "RICE,"

Bangalore City. 6th Septr 19 1

DIARY NO. 4944

CHIEF SECRETARIAT. POLITICAL BRANCH. 10 SEP. 1919

8.9.19

To

Rajasevadhurina

Sirdar M.Kantha Raj Urs, Esq., B.A., C.S.I.,

Dewan of Mysore, BANGALORE.

(Chief Secy)

Respected Sir,

With reference to our personal representation this morning praying for your kind orders to raise the rates of controlled varieties of rice by ten per cent more, we beg to place before you the following facts for consideration.

We have imported more than a lakh of bags of rice into Mysore State as tenderers. Excluding the bags sold as per directions of the Food Comptroller in Mysore, we have now in stock about fourteen thousand bags which includes 4000 bags of uncontrolled Calcutta rice.

As per terms agreed upon originally, we could sell each consignment within one month of its receipt in Bangalore, but owing to the directions of the Food Comptroller, we could not sell the whole of our stock within the prescribed period and had to thus keep a large quantity unsold out of the importa during May and June 1919.

Consequently we have been sustaining a heavy loss by way of

Interest on our investment, charges, depreciation and wastage, establishment gent charges, reduction in the price of gunny bags and abnormal depreciation in the case of boiled rice.

ANA KAMASUNDRA RAO & C
ERAL MERCHANTS & COMMISSION AGEN
TELEGRAMS "RICE."

We may, in this connection state that in transmitting 3395 bags of boiled rice from Tadapalligudam to Kolar Gold Fields during June and July 1919, there was a heavy depreciation of about twenty thousand and seventy six pounds costing Rs.1,550/-.

In consideration of the above facts we beg to solicit the favour of your orders to increase the rate of controlled rices by ten per cent more, when alone we hope we may make up our loss, not to speak of any profit in this large concern.

We beg to remain,

Most Respected Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

Appana Ramachandra

G.R.S. 29.]

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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DRAFT ENDORSEMENT ON | File No. 1/15/19
Serial No.

No. 46277 one

Dated ——, the 14/9/1919.

Issued on the ——

~~Copy~~ forwarded with Compliments to the Food Controller in Cyphers for favour of opinion

By Order, etc.

for 14/9/19
For Chief Secy

To ——

List of papers forwarded.

Petition of 6.9.19 from Messrs. Atchanna Ramchandra & Co. requesting Orders ~~for the increase~~ to the rates of Controlled Rices by ten per cent more to make up their losses.

DIARY NO. 3970

IN REPLY REFER TO
NO. SS74
ENCL.

Tel: Address.
"Civisup"

Office of the Food Controller and
Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore,
Bangalore, Dated 17th Sept. 1919.

From

K. MATTHAN, Esq., B.A.,
Food Controller and Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to your memo No. G.6277 of the 11th instant forwarding for my opinion a petition addressed by Messrs. Appana Ramachandra Rao & Co. to the Dewan requesting that they may be permitted to sell controlled rice imported by them at an enhanced price of 10% over their contract rates, I have the honour to state as follows:-

2. Messrs. Appana Ramachandra Rao and Co. were given the contract to import and sell 1,400 tons of delta rice from the Ramachandrapuram taluk in the Godavari district due for March and April; 400 tons of delta rice from the Krishna district out of the May allotment; 500 tons of delta rice from the Krishna district out of the June allotment; and 500 tons of delta rice from the Krishna district out of the July allotment. They have imported the whole of this rice except 20 tons which has been arranged to be got this month. The imports began to arrive from the end of April. The imports and sales up to August according to accounts maintained in my office are shewn in the subjoined statement. (Supplies sent direct to the Kolar Gold Field are not included).

Month	Receipts	Sales	Balance
April and May	2,286 bags	2,286 bags	..
June	8,357 "	2,669 "	5,688 bags
July	17,027 "	10,716 "	11,999 "
August	8,729 "	11,881 "	8,847 "

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he bulk of the Ramachandrapuram imports due for March and pril was received in June and July and as rice due for the ubsequent months was also arriving a good balance of stock as remained with these importers. I also considered it esirable that we should have a good balance of stock to eet the difficulties that I anticipated would arise in the atter months of the year. But the statement of Messrs. Appana amachandra Rao & Co. that the old imports were ordered to be ept by till now is not correct. I have limited their monthly ales with reference to the monthly requirements and a glance t the statement given above will show that there was no need or them to keep one month's receipts beyond the end of the ucceeding month. If they have therefore sustained loss by ay of interest on investment, godown charges, depreciation, astage, etc., they are themselves responsible for it. essrs. Appana Ramachandra Rao & Co. told me some months ago hat they had put a certain quantity of the balance of stock vailable with them under lien to the Mysore Bank and obtained loan for financing their further transactions. It was to uit their convenience in this respect that they kept the old rrivals till now while current requirements were met out of he current receipts.

3. While, therefore, they cannot attribute any loss that hey may have sustained by keeping back the old imports of rice o any orders issued by me, I recognise that they have in point f fact sustained some loss under the items mentioned by them, iz., interest on investment, godown charges, wastage and loss n the price of gunny bags, etc. I have gone into the details f this with them and find that while their contract rate for he supply of raw rice is at Rs 12-12-0 per bag of 164 lbs. the oss on the items indicated may be taken at 4 annas 6 pies for nterest and insurance and 2 annas for godown rent or altogethe annas 6 pies giving a total of Rs 13-2-6 as the present cost f the rice. This rice is very superior to what is now avail- ble at even higher prices and will I understand easily sell

sell at R. 25 to 28 a palla, if allowed to be sold without control. I, therefore consider it fair that they may be allowe to sell this rice at Rs. 13-2-6 wholesale per bag of 164 lbs. ne and 4¾ seers per rupee retail.

4. In the original contract for the import and supply of 1,400 tons of rice from the Ramachandrapuram taluk during the months of March and April, the price fixed was Rs. 13-5-0 per ba for raw rice, ex-godown Bangalore, and Rs. 13-13-0 per bag of boiled rice. The firm was, however, unable to fulfil the contract in time owing to the difficulties in the Ramachandrapuram taluk and in consideration of giving them extension of time when the situation there became easier, I got them to agree to a reduction of their contract price by 9 annas per bag. This i how the figure Rs. 12-12-0 quoted above has been arrived at. But even with the addition that I now propose the rate will be stil 2½ annas less than the original approved contract rate.

There is shortage of supplies of delta rice in the Bangalore City and there is a great clamour for larger issues especially from co-operative societies. Messrs. Ramachandra Rao an Co. had practically ceased issuing rice awaiting orders on their petition addressed to the Dewan. In these circumstances, I hav directed them to sell this rice from to-morrow at the rates indicated above. I request that my action may be approved.

6. I beg to add that I had sent for Mr. Appana Ramachandra Rao to-day, gone into the calculations with him and satisfied him that the above concession amounting to half anna per rupee or 3⅛% was all that he could reasonably ask for.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Food Controller & Director
of Civil Supplies in Mysore

Diary No. of letter replied to

Section

File No.

Serial No

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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the *191* .

Date of issue 27.9.19

Signed by Sri A.V.R.

No. R.9.16

To The Food Controller
in regard

Sir,

With refce to your
letter no 58-74 of 17/19 th Sept
1919 reporting on the pe
of Messrs Arbuthnot
Ramachandra Rao &
requesting permission
to sell controlled rice
imported by them at a
Enhanced price.

over.)

I am directed to state
that Your approval of the
actions taken by you in
the matter. But ne-
-cessary precautions shd
be taken by you to prevent
secondary profiteering
by people who buy large
quantities from the supplies
& resell it at still higher
prices.

I am etc

for Secretary

List of enclosures.

17 & 27.9.19.

In Compliments to

The President - Bangalore

City Municipality with copy of the

Collectors

letter noted to P.D.

Copied by

Examined by

WD 1744—GPB—30,000—19-3-19

for Secretary

CHIEF SECRETARIAT 3080
POLITICAL BRANCH
1 OCT. 1919

Office of the Director of Civil Supplies
in Mysore,

Bangalore City, Dated, 29th September *191*

My dear Balasundaram Iyer,

I have received your lette of the 27th instant, conveying approval of Government to the action taken by me in respect of Messrs. Appana Ramachandra Rao and Company's application for permission to sell some rice imported by them atan enhanced price. A caution has been added that "necessary precautions should be taken" by me "to prevent secondary profiteering by people who buy large quantities from the importers and resell it at still higher prices".

2. I do not quite know what to make of this, as Government are aware that the importers have been permitted to sell delta rice only in quantities not exceeding 50 seers at a time to an individual. I have frequently brought to the notice of Government that it is with a view to prevent "secondary profiteering" that I would not allow the - - importers to sell the rice in whole bags to other merchants.

3. The issue of delta rice is under the strictest control. I have reported to Government that the whole stock is under my joint locks. Sales in bags are permitted only to co-operative societies and in a few cases to public institutions like boarding schools, orphanages, etc., under my specific orders in each case. All my endeavours have been to prevent the importers selling rice in large quantities to other merchants who would sell it again at higher rates; and if I have not succeeded in making this clear to Government I must suppose that it is due to want of clearnes in my communications.

4. If, however, the Government mean that I must take precautions to prevent small quantities that are sold eing accumulated and resold at higher prices, that is nother matter. But, what powers have we for this? e it noted that we cannot take guarantees from every urchaser of small quantities as to the ultimate destiation of the rice. If a man who purchases 50 seers from he importers goes and sells the rice elsewhere at 3 seer rupee there is no law in the land that can reach him. ou may remember the same question came up before the entral Food Supplies Committee in regard to Burma rice nd after considering the views of the Kolar Deputy ommissioner we decided that nothing could be done to eal with such cases.

5. I shall, therefore, be obliged if you will be so ood as to let me know what exactly the Government have